



# CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

## 72-HOUR REPORT

20 DECEMBER 2021

### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) Beverly Hills – Antisemitic Flyers Distributed in Pasadena and Beverly Hills

(U) The Pasadena and Beverly Hills police departments are investigating after approximately 200 flyers containing antisemitic theories related to COVID-19 were distributed in each city Saturday night and Sunday morning, authorities said. The flyers, which begin by claiming that “every single aspect of the COVID agenda is Jewish,” were discovered just before midnight in the southwest part of Beverly Hills. In Pasadena, flyers were distributed between midnight and 4 a.m. The leaflets were in plastic bags that were weighed down with pebbles, and they likely were thrown out of a passing car.

SOURCE: 19 December 2021, [KTLA](#)

#### (U) Delano – Drone Carrying Cellphones Flies into Kern Valley State Prison

(U) A drone carrying packages containing cellphones crashed inside a yard at Kern Valley State Prison over the summer, according to a newly-filed court document. Prison staff saw an unknown object drop inside the Facility A yard on 30 August, according to a warrant filed by prison investigators. They went to where it fell and located a Phantom 4 Pro V2.0 drone and two packages. Each package contained two cellphones with chargers, and one also had two pairs of Bluetooth earbuds, the warrant says.

SOURCE: 17 December 2021, [KGET](#)

#### (U) Los Angeles – Concert Shut Down after One Stabbed, Hospitalized

(U) Los Angeles rapper Drakeo the Ruler has died after he was stabbed Saturday night at a music show at Exposition Park. The rapper, whose real name is Darrell Caldwell, was stabbed at the “Once Upon a Time in LA” concert slated to run until 11 p.m. According to media reports, the rapper died after being hospitalized in critical condition. The incident prompted a massive response by the LAPD and California Highway Patrol (CHP). The investigation has lasted into Sunday morning as the area remains blocked off. No arrests in connection with the stabbing were announced.

SOURCE: 19 December 2021, [ABC7](#)

#### (U) San Francisco – Mayor Declares State of Emergency to Combat Overdose Deaths, Crime

(U) The mayor of San Francisco on Friday declared a state of emergency in the Tenderloin to bring down overdose deaths and violent crime in one of the city’s poorest and most drug-infested neighborhoods. Mayor London Breed said at a news conference attended by the police chief and other public health personnel that rapid drug intervention is needed because about two people a day are dying of overdoses, mostly from fentanyl, in the Tenderloin neighborhood. There will also be more coordinated enforcement of illegal activities, street cleanups and other infrastructure improvements to make the neighborhood safer, they said.

SOURCE: 17 December 2021, [Associated Press](#)

#### (U) Santa Ana – Bystander Struck by Gunfire in Santa Ana Gang Shooting

(U) A woman was on her way home from work with her two daughters in the vehicle when she was struck by the gunfire. Surveillance video shows a man on foot behind a wall exchanging gunfire with an SUV driving by on 8 December. The woman described how the bullet struck her in the upper right part of

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her body. She felt hot and then saw she was bleeding. She pulled over and fortunately received help from someone who lived in the area. Santa Ana Police Department said the shooting does appear to be gang related, but whether the suspect knew the intended target was going to be there in that area at that time is unknown.

SOURCE: 20 December 2021, [ABC7](#)

### **(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**

#### **(U) Texas – USBP Confiscates More Than 55-Pounds of Meth, 900-Rounds of Ammunition**

(U) Hebbronville – US Border Patrol (USBP) confiscated over 55-pounds of methamphetamine and 900-rounds of ammunition during a traffic stop in Hebbronville, media reported Friday. Agents found the contraband inside what looked like an ordinary speaker box.

SOURCE: 17 December 2021, [KGNS](#)

### **(U) NATIONAL**

#### **(U) District of Columbia – Students Arrested Nationwide over Viral TikTok School Threat Rumors**

(U) Washington – At least a dozen students were arrested Thursday and Friday in connection to threat rumors on TikTok and other social media apps that went viral Thursday, according to local officials and reports. Students across the country made unverified threats to schools on social media apps including TikTok, Snapchat, and Instagram on Thursday, prompting schools and other local officials to act. Heightened precautions taken amid threat rumors led to several student arrests on Thursday in Florida, Maryland, Connecticut, California, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Ohio, and others.

SOURCE: 18 December 2021, [Fox News](#)

#### **(U) Florida – Florida Man Receives Longest Capitol Riot Sentence**

(U) Largo – A federal judge sentenced a US Capitol rioter to more than five-years in prison on Friday on charges that he threw a wooden plank and a fire extinguisher at police during the 6 January attack on the seat of government. The Department of Justice said Robert Scott Palmer of Largo, Florida, was sentenced to 63-months for assaulting law enforcement with dangerous weapons during the assault, which took place as Vice President Mike Pence and members of Congress met to certify President Joe Biden's 2020 election victory.

SOURCE: 17 December 2021, [Reuters](#)

#### **(U) Indiana – Man Said COVID-19 Theories Prompted Arson Fires at Church**

(U) Portland – Police said a Portland man had an explanation when asked why he had allegedly set fire to a local Catholic church and the parsonage where its priest lived. The blazes caused fire and smoke damage to both Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and the parsonage adjacent to the church. According to an affidavit, Chad George Allen Wells, 35, told police he set the blazes because he believed the Catholic Church was "at fault for COVID."

SOURCE: 18 December 2021, [The Star Press](#)

#### **(U) Maryland – Two Charged in Ambush Shooting of Police Officer**

(U) Baltimore – Two men were arrested and charged in a recent ambush shooting that critically wounded a Baltimore police officer and a second shooting soon afterward that left a man dead, police announced Friday. Elliot Knox, 31, and Travon Shaw, 32, are in custody and face charges of attempted murder in the shooting early Thursday of Officer Keona Holley and murder in the shooting death of Justin Johnson. Holley was on duty in her patrol vehicle in southern Baltimore around 1:30 a.m. Thursday when she was shot. She was in critical but stable condition as of Friday afternoon. After

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Holley's shooting, investigators learned, the two men went to a southwest Baltimore neighborhood where Johnson was killed just after 3 a.m., Harrison said.

SOURCE: 17 December 2021, [Associated Press](#)

### **(U) INTERNATIONAL**

#### **(U) Haiti – Ransom Paid for Release of Missionaries Kidnapped in Haiti**

(U) Port-au-Prince – A ransom was paid to secure the release of a group of Canadian and American missionaries kidnapped in Haiti, the US-based Christian ministry group who organized their trip to the Caribbean nation said on Monday. “Other people who sought to help us provided funds to pay a ransom and allow the negotiation process to continue. As you can imagine, we are not able to say anything further in respect to these negotiations,” a spokesman for the Ohio-based Christian Aid Ministries said during a news conference.

SOURCE: 20 December 2021, [Reuters](#)

#### **(U) India – Senior LeT Commander Killed by Indian Security Forces**

(U) Srinagar – A top commander of the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terror group was killed on Sunday in an encounter with security forces in the outskirts of Srinagar. The LeT commander was a resident of Pakistan who was active since 2016 in the Harwan-Dhara belt. A joint team of police and Central Reserve Police Forces launched a cordon and search operation which resulted in brief gunfire instigated by LeT. No fatalities among the security forces have been reported.

SOURCE: 19 December 2021, [Daijiworld](#)

#### **(U) Morocco – Moroccan Security Forces, US Law Enforcement Foil Suspected Bomb Plot By ISIS**

(U) Rabat – Moroccan security forces with US support have foiled a suspected bomb plot by the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) and arrested an alleged supporter of the organization, counterterrorism police said Friday. The arrested suspect was “an extremist belonging to the so-called Islamic State” and from the Sala Al-Jadida region north of Rabat. The man had planned to join foreign jihadist training camps “before deciding to join a terror plot in Morocco using explosive devices.” The police subsequently seized electronic devices and materials used for the preparation of explosives.

SOURCE: 17 December 2021, [VOA News](#)

#### **(U) Nigeria – More Than 20 Killed During Boko Haram Attack in Borno**

(U) Borno – More Than 20 people were killed, with several others sustaining gunshot injuries when suspected Boko Haram militants attacked Kilangar village in Borno state on Sunday. The armed insurgents stormed the community around 2 p.m. local time and started shooting sporadically at their targets and setting ablaze residential houses, vehicles, and shops. The insurgents on Sunday afternoon also completely razed the residence of a district head of Kilangar. There were no ground military troops to confront the attackers; however, air force jets responded with an airstrike to repel the attack on the community.

SOURCE: 19 December 2021, [The Street Journal](#)

#### **(U) Nigeria – Gunmen Kill 38 People During Attacks on Three Villages in Kaduna State**

(U) Kaduna – The death toll has risen to 38 from three separate attacks by gunmen in villages in Giwa in the Kaduna State, media reported Sunday. The three villages involved in the attack are Kauran Fawa, Marke, and Riheya. Gunmen reportedly invaded the villages between Saturday and Sunday morning and opened fire on the villagers. Several houses, trucks, and cars were also burnt, along with agricultural produce at various farms. Security operatives have been deployed to sustain patrols in the area.

SOURCE: 19 December 2021, [Channels Television](#)

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**(U) Somalia – Somali National Army Kills Approximately 34 Al-Shabaab Militants**

(U) Hirshabelle – Approximately 34 al-Shabaab militants have been killed and several others wounded following security operations by the Somali National Army (SNA) in the southern part of the country, according to SNA sources. State-owned media reported that the forces also destroyed al-Shabaab training bases in Southwest, Hirshabelle, and Jubbaland states.

SOURCE: 18 December 2021, [Somaliland](#)

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